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1. SUMMARY: WITH RENEWED DEMONSTRATIONS AND STONING OF MILITARY VEHICLES IN NABLUS OVER SEBASTIA SETTLEMENT AFFAIR, LARGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS REPORTEDLY MADE DEC 16 AND PUNITIVE MEASURES THREATENED BY MILGOV. END SUMMARY.

2. RELIABLE WEST BANK SOURCE INFORMED US DEC 17 THAT APPROXIMATELY 300 NABLUS RESIDENTS, MAINLY STUDENTS, ARRESTED NIGHT OF DEC 16 AS RESULT OF CONTINUED DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING GOI AGREEMENT WITH GUSH EMUNIM OVER SEABSTIA SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT. SOURCE INDICATES PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBER ISRAELI SOLDIERS (ESTIMATED AT 2,000) IN TOWN.

3. ARABIC PRESS PAST FEW DAYS HAS REPORTED CONTINUED DEMONSTRATIONS BY NABLUS STUDENTS OVER DEC 12-15 ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY. FOUR-DAY PERIOD MARKED BY SPORADIC STONING OF ISRAELI SECURITY UNCLASSIFIED

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PATROLS BY STUDENTS AND BURNING OF AUTOMOBILE TIRES. SIMILAR

ACTIVITY APPARTNELTY RESUMED EVENING DEC 16, LEADING TO ARRESTS. HEAVY FINES REPORTEDLY IMPOSED ON THOSE ARRESTED DURING EARLIER DEOMONSTRATIONS (MOST SINCE RELEASED) AS WELL AS MORE RECENT DETAINEES.

4. ARROCDING TO ISRAELI RADIO AND LOCAL PRESS, ISRAELI MILITARY GOVERNOR HAS WARNED NABLUS MAYOR OF IMPOSITION OF PUNITIVE MEASURES IF DEMONSTRATIONS DO NOT CEASE. GOVERNOR THREATENED RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT OF NABLUS CITIZENS ACROSS JORDAN RIVER BRIDGES, PREVENTION OF IMPORT AND EXPORT OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND CLOSING OF THE OLD CITY "CASBAH" OF NABLUS. GOVERNOR ALSO REPORTEDLY INDICATED ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES WOULD NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN ORDER. ELIABLE SOURCE INDICATES AT LEAST ONE THREATENED MEASURE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED WITH CLOSING OF ENTREACES TO CASBAH.
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